

****Update-Bicyclist Succumbs to Injuries** State Police Investigating Serious Crash Involving Bicyclist**

Milford – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigating a fatal crash involving a bicyclist that occurred early Thursday morning.

Preliminary investigation reveals the incident occurred around 7:35 a.m. Thursday September 7, 2017 when Thomas H. Draper, 76 of Milford, was bicycling eastbound on Slaughter Beach Road in the area of Wells Road when he was struck by a 2013 Ford F150 pickup truck operated by Shawn E. Armstrong, 37 of Lewes, who was also traveling eastbound on Slaughter Beach Road. The pickup truck stopped immediately after the collision and called 9-1-1.

Thomas Draper was initially transported to Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital before being airlifted to Baltimore Shock Trauma in critical condition. At approximately 2:37 a.m. Friday September 8, 2017, Thomas Draper died as a result of his injuries.

Shawn Armstrong was uninjured in the collision.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Drug and alcohol use do not appear to be a factor in this case. No charges have been filed at this time. Slaughter Beach Road was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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